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TAGS:CPRS, GR (SACKSER, DAVID R.)

SUBJECT: PROPERTY OF SUNLANE SHOPS ABROAD TSS QUEEN ANNA
MARIA

1. DEPARTMENT IS INFORMED THAT DAVID R. SACKSER OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF SUNLANE SHOPS, 332 W. 21ST STREET, NEW YORK CITY, 10011, WILL TRAVEL TO ATHENS TO ATTEMPT TAKE POSSESSION AND RETURN TO UNITED STATES MERCHANDISE VALUED AT DOLS 200,000 PLUS FROM SHOP SUNLANE OPERATED AS CONCESSIONAIRE ABOARD TSS QUEEN ANNA MARIA. ACCORDING SACKSER, THE NAMED VESSEL SAILED PRECIPITOUSLY FROM NEW YORK ON JANUARY 11 TO AVOID ATTACHMENT BY U.S. CREDITORS AND IS SCHEDULED ARRIVE PIRAEUS JANUARY 23. SACKSER ASSUMES SHIP WILL BE ATTACHED UPON ARRIVAL IN GREECE AND FEARS THAT SUNLANE'S MERCHANDISE WILL BE TIED UP.

2. SACKSER INDICATES HE WILL SEEK EMBASSY ASSISTANCE UPON ARRIVAL BUT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY DEPARTMENT THAT EMBASSY UNABLE TO ACT AS HIS AGENT IN THIS PRIVATE MATTER FOR WHICH HE SHOULD RETAIN LEGAL COUNSEL.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD EXTEND NORMAL COURTESIES AND ASSISTANCE TO SACKSER BUT BE WARY OF ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS ADVOCACY OF HIS CASE VERSUS U.S.

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CREDITORS.

4. ACCORDING TO FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION SHIP IS GREEK REGISTERED AND OWNED BY TRANSOCEANIC NAVIGATION CORP., A LIBERIAN CORPORATION WITH HOME OFFICE IN PIRAEUS. INQUIRIES BY DEPARTMENT REVEALED NO CURRENT SUITS PENDING IN NEW YORK.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED KEEP DEPT. ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING TSS QUEEN ANNA MARIA. KISSINGER

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